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SUBJECT: 33RD UNGA; SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. I WISH TO REAFFIRM OUR RECOMMENDATION IN REFTEL THAT THE SECRETARY HOLD A BILATERAL MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA DURING THE LATTER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. SILVEIRA IS EXPECTED TO BE IN NEW YORK DURING SEPTEMBER 23-27 AND, AS IS CUSTOMARY, WILL BE THE LEAD -OFF SPEAKER IN THE GENERAL DEBATE. (SILVEIRA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 22 TO DELIVER A LECTURE AT THE WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER. MRS. SILVEIRA IS EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO BOTH CITIES.)

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE BILATERAL LAST YEAR HELPED SET THE STAGE FOR THE SECRETARY'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO BRASILIA IN NOVEMBER FOR HIS FIRST MEETING WITH SILVEIRA UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU). ALTHOUGH THE TWO HAVE MET SINCE THEN (DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S MARCH VISIT TO BRAZIL AND AT THE OASGA IN JUNE), THEY HAVE NOT YET MET AGAIN UNDER THE MOU, WHICH PROVIDES THAT "THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL NORMALLY HOLD CONSULTATIONS SEMI-ANNUALLY ON THE FULL RANGE OF POLICY  
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MATTERS". FURTHER, BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS, WE HAVE JUST HAD TO INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO BRAZIL FOR THE ANNUAL PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 29.) ALTHOUGH MR. MAYNES WILL BE REPRESENTED BY DAS ROBERT BARRY, WE--AND WE ASSUME THE

FOREIGN MINISTRY AS WELL--ARE MINDFUL THAT THE JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT STATED SPECIFICALLY THAT THE TWO PRESIDENTS "AGREED TO EXPAND THE ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THEIR TWO GOVERNMENTS PRECEDING THE UNGA SESSIONS". AS MATTERS NOW STAND, THIS YEAR'S CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE SAME LEVEL AS LAST YEAR'S. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR INABILITY TO MEET OUR COMMITMENTS UNDER BOTH THE MOU AND THE JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE COMPENSATED FOR BY A SUBSTANTIVE BILATERAL IN NEW YORK, AND THAT FAILURE TO HOLD A BILATERAL (WHICH THE GOB HAS COME TO EXPECT AS CUSTOMARY) WOULD GIVE THE GOB REASONABLE CAUSE TO HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR COMMITMENT TO CONSULT WITH BRAZIL AND TO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO WRITE OFF THE LAME-DUCK GEISEL ADMINISTRATION (WHICH ENDS NEXT MARCH), AT LEAST AS FAR AS HIGH LEVEL USG ATTENTION IS CONCERNED.

3. I THEREFORE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE BILATERAL BE HELD.  
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